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Cc: Bassler, Rachel[Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov]
From: Kelley, Jeff
Sent: Tue 1/3/2017 10:21:49 PM
Subject: Re: Care to Comment Why EPA Official Said No Lead In East Chicago, Indiana Water?

Thanks, we'll treat it as a press inquiry.

Jeff Kelley
Director, Office of External Communications
U.S. EPA Region 5
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On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 4:18 PM -0600, "Dee, Rhiannon" <dee.Rhiannon@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Kaplan, Robert <kaplan.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Care to Comment Why EPA Official Said No Lead In East Chicago, Indiana Water?

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Sent from my iPhone

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